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H. CON. RES. 215

Calling on the President and the American people to renew their commitment to the fundamental principles which guided the Founders of this Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMPSON (by request) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling on the President and the American people to renew their commitment to the fundamental principles which guided the Founders of this Nation.

Whereas the Founders of this Nation held the following to be fundamental truths:

- (1) that there is a Creator who has made all things and governs them by His Providence;
- (2) that the Creator has revealed a moral code of behavior which distinguishes right from wrong;
- (3) that the Creator holds each individual and nation responsible for the way it treats others;
- (4) that all individuals live beyond this life; and
- (5) that, in the next life, individuals are judged by the Creator for their conduct in this one;

Whereas their belief in these fundamental principles compelled the Founders to proclaim in the Declaration of Independence that “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”;

Whereas the Founders’ devotion to these godly principles produced their individual commitments to the cause of human liberty declared in that great document when they stated: “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor”;

Whereas the writings of the Founders and their actions as private citizens and as public servants, which are recorded in the history of our Nation, testify to the sincerity and conviction with which they held these fundamental beliefs;

Whereas the Founders proclaimed, both publicly and privately, that our Nation was founded with the aid and protection of divine Providence;

Whereas the Founders held that religion (a belief in a supreme being who has revealed His will to man, created a duty to obey His will in a state of reward and punishment, and holds man accountable for his actions) and morality (exact conformity to truth or to the rules prescribed for moral conduct, either by divine or human laws) were necessary and essential ingredients for good government and the happiness of mankind;

Whereas the Founders embedded these godly principles in the foundation upon which the legal system, social fabric, political institutions, and character of our Nation were built;

Whereas the Founders held that our Nation would enjoy the protection of divine Providence as long as we uphold these fundamental godly principles; and

Whereas our national and individual commitments to these godly principles are fundamental to the preservation of liberty and freedom for ourselves and for future generations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) urges the President to call on the American
4 people to remember the godly principles of our
5 Founding Fathers and recognize both the influence
6 these principles have had in the founding of our Na-
7 tion and the character, honor, sense of duty, and
8 commitment they produced in our Founders;

9 (2) calls on every official, whether elected, ap-
10 pointed, or employed, to lead our citizens in the re-
11 vitalization of these godly principles;

12 (3) encourages every public school or institution
13 to display and teach these foundational principles as
14 a matter of history and as a matter of law; and

15 (4) requests and encourages all citizens to re-
16 discover these principles contained in the history of

1 our Nation and our founding documents, and to
2 renew their individual commitments to promote and
3 defend the godly principles by which our Nation will
4 be preserved.

